(b) Opposition to military blocs has been a part of the concept of non-alignment which stands vindicated by the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact. The dissolution of COMECON will have no effect on the movement.

New methods adopted by Pak-trained militants to infiltrate into the border areas

1521. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan-trained militants have adopted new methods to infiltrate into the country by crosing the Sriganganagar border in Rajasthan undetected by the B.S.F.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the estimated number of militants suspected to have crossed the Sriganganagar border; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Grvernment to check the same and to identify their contacts of the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No particular new methods of infiltration, being adopted by the intruders, which cannot be countered by the BSF, have come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not possible to estimate the number of militants suspected to have crossed the Sriganganagar border since any such estimate will be hypothetical. However, 7 infiltrators were apprehended by BSF on the International Border in Sriganganagar-Bikaner Districts of Rajasthan during 1991 (upto 30th June 1991).

(d) All possible measures have been taken by Government to check entry of infiltrators. More border out-posts have been established. Additional observation. post-towers have been constructed. BSF have been equipped with additional vehicles for intensive patrolling and sophisticated equipments like telescopic binoculors for detection of inflitrators.

Kashmiri militants on Indo-Pak border

1522. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India of May 18, 1991 to the effect that 5000 to 6000 trained Kashmiri militants were amassed along the border to be pushed into Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent them from carrying out their militant and terrorist designs and to keep a track on their movements; and

(c) with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Besides, stepping up vigil on the border, dusk to dawn curfew has been clamped in the 5km. belt along the border and line of control, Intelligence set up has been beefed up, Distributed Areas Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act have been enforced in the border districts, Operations against infiltration are conducted by the Army, para military forces and the State Police in close co-ordination.

In the first half of 1991, 200 terrorists were apprehended and 133 killed on border.

वाराणसी जिले में पंचायतों को टेलीफोन सुविधाएं

1523. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वाराणसी जिले में इस समय ऐसी कई पंचायतें हैं जिनके पास टेलीफोन सुविधाएं नहीं हैं;

(ख) ऐसी सुविधाएं कब तक उपलब्ध करा दी जायेंगी, और

(ग) मुगलसराय में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक एक्सचेंज कब तक अपना कार्य शुरू कर देगा और इस एक्सचेंज से कितने उपभोक्ताओं को लाभ पहुंचेगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी०वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान इन सुविधाओं को उत्तरोत्तर प्रदान करने की योजना है।

(ग) मुगलसराय में मार्च, 1993 तक इलेक्ट्रॉनिक एक्सचेंज सुलभ करा दिए जाने की योजना है।

इस एक्सचेंज से लगभग 900 उपभोक्ताओं को लाभ पहुंचेगा।

Crimes against Women

@1523-A. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against women are on the rise;

(b) whether Government have done accurate studies on these crimes and if so, what are the figures for the last three years;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any charge in the existing laws to plug the legal loopholes and protect the interest of these vulnerable section to the joint society; and

(d) whether government propose to involve voluntary and women's organisations in formulating these laws for wider acceptability and efficacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes including crime against women is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, available information compiled indicates number of cases registered as crimes against women during the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 as enclosed.
[*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 41]

(c) and (d) Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 has been amended to make the provisions more stringent and effective. The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 have been amended by the Criminal Law (Second Amendment) Act, 1983 to deal effectively not only with dowry death cases but also with cases of cruelty to married women.

सुंदरवन तथा सुन्दरबन डेल्टा में सुरक्षा चौकियां

@@1523 ख. डा० अबरार अहमद : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सुन्दरवन और इसके डेल्टा में बहुत कम सुरक्षा चौकियां हैं, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

@Previously Unstarred Question 1365, transferred from 30th July, 1991.

@@पूर्वत : अतारांकित प्रश्न 1572, 1 अगस्त, 1991 से स्थानांतरित।